

# Past Forward

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Henry Ford Museum of  
American Innovation: One of  
the World's Coolest  
Museums



A special section of **The New York Times** (<https://www.nytimes.com/>) this month compiled a list of the 10 coolest museums in the world. With shout-outs to the Lego House in Denmark and the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., we were excited and honored to see Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation kick off the list.



Visitors to the museum have long known what makes it such a cool destination, as The New York Times pointed out – we're "chock-full of inventions, machines and pieces of Americana to explore, including a **1952 Wienermobile** (<https://webcms.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/13269/>) . "

But what else makes our museum so cool? Take a look at just a few of the well-known artifacts, exhibits, and experiences that inspire our younger visitors every day and challenge them to think differently.





### Walk Around the Set of *The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation*

Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, along with [Greenfield Village](https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/greenfield-village/)

(<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/greenfield-village/>) and the [Ford Rouge Factory Tour](https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/ford-rouge-factory-tour/)

(<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/ford-rouge-factory-tour/>), is the home to Emmy Award-winning

[The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation](https://www.thehenryford.org/explore/innovation-nation/) with host Mo Rocca

(<https://www.thehenryford.org/explore/innovation-nation/>) on CBS. Every Saturday morning our correspondents showcase present-day change makers from all over the world who are creating solutions to real needs.



### The Rosa Parks Bus

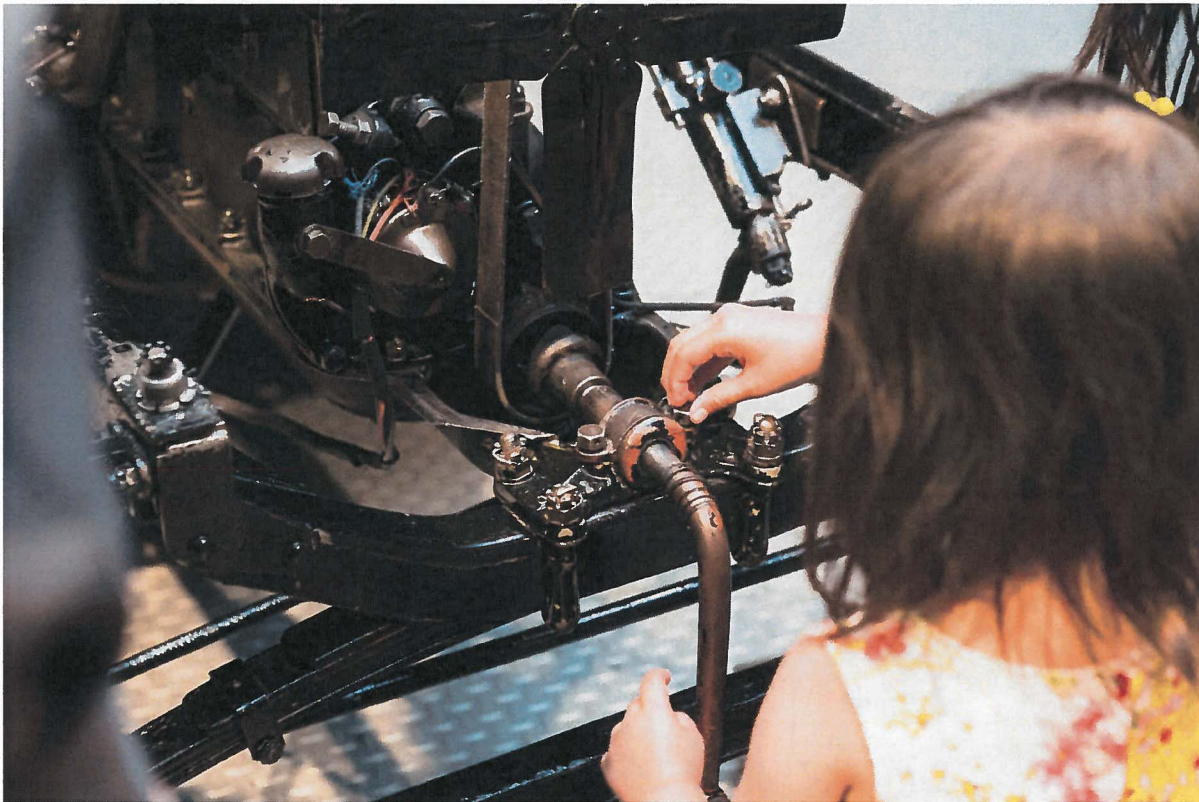
Inside this [bus](https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/316872/) (<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/316872/>) on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a soft-spoken African-American seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man, breaking existing segregation laws. Today you can step inside the bus yourself and take a seat as you immerse yourself in the courage of Rosa Parks.





## Driving America

**Driving America** (<https://www.thehenryford.org/explore/inside/driving-america/>) is an opportunity to look at America's favorite mode of transportation in a different way. Stand back in awe as you explore some of the earliest automobiles to take to America's roads, and then immerse yourself in our interactive exhibits to dive deep into our digital collections.



### Build a Model T

Do you think you could **build a Model T** (<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/build-a-model-t/>) just like Henry Ford? Pick up a wrench and see if you could build a quality product in 2018.



### Dymaxion House

Enter Buckminster Fuller's circular aluminum dwelling, and sample a suburbia never realized. To some people **Dymaxion** (<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/henry-ford-museum/exhibits/dymaxion-house/>) is a giant Hershey's Kiss. Others sense a kinship with the Airstream travel trailer. Painstakingly restored, it's the only remaining prototype in the world.





## Mathematica

Math can be playful, thanks to the ideas of designers Ray and Charles Eames.

**Mathematica: A World of Numbers and Beyond** (<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/henry-ford-museum/exhibits/mathematica/>) connects math to the world around us all.



### Steer the Allegheny

What does it look like from the conductor's perspective on the **Allegheny** (<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/9628/>) y, one of the largest steam locomotives ever built? Step up to seat and see for yourself.





### Maker Faire Detroit

Which event is a wild two-day spectacle of maker inventions and creations at the home of American innovation? **Maker Faire Detroit** (<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/maker-faire-detroit/>), housed inside and outside of Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation.

Who else made *The New York Times* list? Take a look.

### The 10 Coolest Museums in the World

- Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, Dearborn, Mich.
- Exploratorium, San Francisco, Calif.
- International Spy Museum, Washington, D.C.
- The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- The Horniman Museum and Gardens, London
- Deutsches Museum, Munich
- Museo Subacuatico De Arte, Cancun, Mexico
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York



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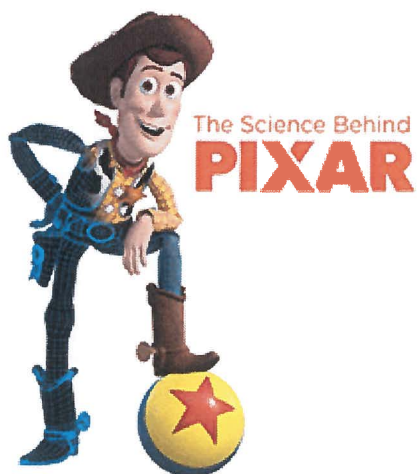
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